

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting
Globecom 2015, San Diego, USA
Wednesday, Dec. 9 2015, 12:00 – 13:30 pm
Ball room D, Omni San Diego Hotel, San Diego, USA

Attendees: George Rouskas, Admela Jukan, Matt Cao, Mohammed Atiquzzaman, Kohei Shiomoto, Eiji Oki, Naoaki Yamanaka, Zuqing Zhu, Vincent Chan, Lei Zhang, Abdelhamid Mellouk, Alexandros Elefsiniotis, Hakki Cankaya, Walter Cerroni, Andres Gonzalez, William Liu, Guoliang Xue, Ahmed Kamal, Jean Armstrong, Anna Engelmann, Tachun Lin, Jeremy Plante, Hussein Mouftah, Pramode Verma, Divanilson Campelo, Ruijie Zhu, Nannan Wang, Jason Jue, Carlos Colman Meixner, Filippo Cugini, Luca Valcarenghi, Sangjin Hong, Joobum Kim, Cicek Cavdar, Thomas B. YOON, Wolfgang Kiess, Biswanath Mukherjee

1. Meeting started at 12:00 pm with lunch.
2. Agenda was approved and briefly introduced by Admela Jukan.
3. ONTC Award Ceremony: For the first time, ONTC gives two awards: Outstanding Technical Achievement Award and Service Award. Prof. Biswanath Mukherjee from UC Davis is the 2015 ONTC Outstanding Technical Achievement Award winner, "for pioneering work on shaping the optical networking area." Prof. Vincent Chan from MIT is the 2015 ONTC Service Award winner, "for invaluable efforts to broaden participation in ONTC and increase ONTC visibility." Biswanath and Vincent both commented on the significance of these awards. George Rouskas commented on how Biswanath's work inspired him to choose optical networking as his PhD study area. Vincent encourages the community to keep fighting for the good of ONTC community. A good example of this kind of fighting is the ONS best paper award, which was somehow removed from Globecom conference a couple of years ago. Now with fighting efforts such as Vincent, ONS recommended best paper award at Globecom again. The 2015 Globecom ONS best paper award winner is "***An Analytical Model of Spectrum Fragmentation in a Two-Service Elastic Optical Link***," by Joobum Kim, Shuyi Yan, Andrea Fumagalli, Eiji Oki, and Naoaki Yamanaka.

Self-introductions. Vincent's student, Lei Zhang, commented on Vincent's support in his students. Larry Xue thanked ONTC for the support of his election as the VP Conferences within Comsoc: <http://www.comsoc.org/about/bog/election/current> , and mentioned current IEEE election: Vincent Chan is the IEEE president candidate and George Rouskas is Comsoc Board of Governors in the 2016 elections as member-at-large candidate. As the founder of ONTC, Prof. Hussein Mouftah commented the contributions from the awards winners: Biswanath and Vincent.

4. ONTC elections:
 - a. The committee had received one nomination: Luca Valcarenghi from Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy
 - b. Admela and George explained the election procedures, bylaws and voting eligibility. More on the ONTC Election Bylaws can be found at:

<http://committees.comsoc.org/ontc/index.php> or
http://www.comsoc.org/files/About%20Comsoc/Documents/Policies%20and%20Procedures/Operating_templates/pdf/TC-Nominations-and-Elections.pdf

- c. The bios and statements of the candidate was showed Luca briefly stated his motivation and plan of running for ONTC Secretary.
 - d. Prof. Luca Valcarengi was unanimously elected Secretary of ONTC for 2015-2016.
 - e. George Rouskas, the current Vice Chair, takes on the position of Chair of ONTC, and Xiaojun (Matt) Cao, the current Secretary, takes on the position of Vice Chair.
 - f. Admela, the outgoing Chair, thanked the candidate, wished the new Secretary and team success. Luka thanked the members for their support and promised to advance the interests of the ONTC with good teamwork and encouraging younger generations.
5. Approval of minutes of meeting at ICC 2015.
 6. Conference updates

Vincent Chan mentioned the policy changes on how IEEE Comsoc sponsors conferences. The major related changes include (1) the conference only accepts full manuscripts, 3 pages minimum; (2) every manuscript must receive at least three peer reviews; (3) acceptance rate of the conference should not exceed 50%. The detailed rules can be found at <http://www.comsoc.org/conferences/event-sponsorship>. Vincent indicated such changes could cause some issues with ONTC-sponsored conferences such as OECC and suggested to contact such conference organizers about these rule changes.

Admela encouraged the community to participate the IEEE efforts in education and Distinguish Lecturers. The need for diverse participation was also brought up.

Future IEEE conferences: Other conferences include: ICC 2015, Sydney (Krishna Sivalingam, co-chair from ONTC), GC 2015, Washington, DC (Suresh Subramaniam, co-chair from ONTC) and ICC 2015, Paris (Maurice Gagnaire, co-chair from ONTC).

7. George Rouskas thanked the outgoing chair, Admela Jukan, for her great efforts and services to ONTC community. George encouraged more participations from the community.
8. Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 13:30 pm.
Minutes recorded by Matt Cao